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Subject: Spot check on MDEQ

Here are the MDEQ results. They submitted any invalidated period, rather than just for a QC check. I focused on the QC checks.

Are routine data invalidated when QC checks are marked as invalid?

26-081-0020 20161005 QA nightly check invalid There is no raw data past

September in 2016 for this monitor.

26-139-0005 20160511 QA precision point -failed check The raw data have been

removed as marked, but are marked with a "Multi-point Calibration" NULL flag, which I wouldn't expect.

26-065-0012 20160106 QA precision point - failed check The raw data have been

removed as marked, but are marked with a "Machine Malfunction" NULL flag, which I wouldn't expect.

26-065-0012 20161266 QA precision point - failed check There is no raw data past

September in 2016 for this monitor.

26-037-0001 20160815 QA nightly check invalid Data actually invalidated

back to 20160813 00:00. More data than listed in their email.

26-161-0008 20160617 QA precision point-failed check The raw data have been

removed as marked, but are marked with a "Machine Malfunction" NULL flag, which I wouldn't expect.

26-027-0003 20160804 QA precision point -failed check The raw data don't appear

to have been invalidated. I see one hour at 2016-08-03 9:00 invalidated, and that is not the same date. Is there a typo?

26-163-0001 20161008 Voided by Operator (invalid nightly zeros) There is no raw data past

September in 2016 for this monitor.

## Are routine data invalidated in the hour when the QC check is run?

Yes, with the exceptions of sites without routine data reported in the periods above. They don't use codes I would expect though.

## Are all checks over 7% in AQS also in the state submitted file?

The short answer is no. There are other reporting issues, such as reporting to POC 2, that make this hard to evaluate, but as a spot check it raises a flag.

I can't tell if they deliberately kept the checks or not, but in general they are far from the group of other checks.

## Do any checks from the state files explain gaps in blocks we identified?

26-163-0001 2014-03-10 Site repair is in a block, but doesn't explain the missing check in the middle.

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